



## **MULTIPLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL Requirements for Teachers Prepared in California**

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A Multiple Subject Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However, a teacher authorized for multiple subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any self-contained classroom (preschool, K–12, or in classes organized primarily for adults). In addition, the holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may serve in a core or team teaching setting.

### **Individuals must contact the colleges or universities listed on page 4 for specific program requirements.**

Candidates for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential who complete their teacher preparation through a Commission-accredited program in California must be recommended for the credential through their college or university credentials office. Programs will vary slightly from college to college, but all programs will include specific requirements established by the Commission. The sequence of requirements is listed below. Please contact the Commission, a public school district, a county office of education, or a Commission-accredited college or university for application materials.

### **Upcoming Changes to Teacher Preparation Programs**

New standards for the Multiple Subject Teacher Preparation Program (SB 2042) have been adopted by the Commission. All California colleges and universities must submit new programs by January 1, 2004 for Commission approval. When colleges and universities have the new programs in place (some starting in September, 2002; see the list on page 4), they will be operating both the current Ryan Multiple Subject program and the new SB 2042 program simultaneously. **Individuals must contact the colleges and universities listed on page 4 for specific program requirements.**

### **Requirements for the Preliminary Credential**

The preliminary credential is issued for a maximum of **five years**. If requirements for the professional clear credential are not completed before the expiration of the preliminary, the holder will be unable to teach in California's public schools with that credential until those requirements are met and the document is renewed.

Applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements for the Five-Year Preliminary Teaching Credential:

1. Complete a baccalaureate or higher degree, except in professional education, from a regionally-accredited college or university
2. Complete a multiple subject teacher preparation program including successful student teaching, and obtain the formal recommendation for the credential by the California college or university where the program was completed
3. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA. 94834-0880, 916-928-4001, or [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com).)
4. Satisfy the Developing English Language Skills, including Reading requirement by completing a comprehensive reading instruction course that includes the following: the systematic study of phonemic awareness, phonics, and decoding; literature, language, and comprehension; and diagnostic and early intervention techniques
5. Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) Applicants who hold a valid California teaching credential other than an internship credential, internship certificate, pre-intern certificate, and emergency permit are exempt from this requirement. Visit the Commission's website or the National Evaluation Systems (NES) website at [www.rica.nesinc.com](http://www.rica.nesinc.com) for more information.
6. Complete a course (two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, **or** pass an examination in the subject given by a regionally-accredited community college, college, or university
7. Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by **one** of the following two methods:
  - a. achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject matter examination(s). Information regarding the appropriate subject matter examination(s), including passing scores and registration, can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competence leaflet CL-674M.

- b. complete a Commission-approved elementary subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an accredited program
8. Complete foundational computer technology course work that includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings

### **Requirements for the Professional Clear Credential**

To obtain the Professional Clear Multiple Subject Credential, individuals must satisfy all of the requirements for the Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential **plus** all of the requirements listed in one of the following options:

#### **Option 1**

A Commission-approved SB 2042 Professional Teacher Induction Program.

Verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that covers infant, child and adult CPR skills.

Individuals applying for the professional clear credential under Option 1 must submit their application through their approved Induction sponsor.

#### **Option 2**

A Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program. The following must be verified if not completed for the preliminary credential:

- course work in health education that includes, but is not limited to, nutrition; the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse; and the use of tobacco. This requirement includes verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that covers infant, child and adult CPR skills.
- course work in the laws, methods, and requirements for providing educational opportunities to special populations in the regular classroom
- advanced computer technology course work in the use of computers in educational settings

Individuals applying the professional clear credential under Option 2 may submit their application through their local school district or county office of education.

#### **Option 3**

A fifth year of study at a California college or university with a Commission-accredited teacher preparation program, securing that institution's formal recommendation for the professional clear credential. The following must be verified if not completed for the preliminary credential:

- course work in health education that includes, but is not limited to, nutrition; the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse; and the use of tobacco. This requirement includes verification of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that covers infant, child and adult CPR skills.
- course work in the laws, methods, and requirements for providing educational opportunities to special populations in the regular classroom
- advanced computer technology course work in the use of computers in educational settings

Individuals applying for the professional clear credential under Option 3 must contact their California college or university and obtain a formal recommendation.

#### **Option 4**

Teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in one of the qualifying subjects listed on page 3, will be issued a Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential.

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## **National Board Certification for Multiple Subject Teachers**

### **National Board Certification:**

Early Childhood (ages 3 – 18)/Generalist

Middle Childhood (ages 7 – 12)/Generalist

Early Adolescence (ages 11 – 12)/Generalist

Individuals applying for the professional clear credential under Option 4 may apply directly to the Commission for a professional clear teaching credential by submitting **all** of the following:

1. Copy of National Board Certification
2. Application (form 41-4) and current processing fees
3. Character and Identification Clearance (form 41-CIC), if not already on file with the Commission
4. Copy of Livescan Service (form 41-LS) or two fingerprint cards (FD-258 and appropriate fees) if not already on file with the Commission.

Reference: California Education Code, Sections 44251, 44252, 44259, 44280, 44281, 44283, 44310, and 44335; and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 80413 and 80424

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## **Institutions of Higher Education with Commission-Accredited Teacher Preparation Programs\***

### **California State University System**

California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
CSU, Bakersfield  
CSU, Chico  
CSU, Dominguez Hills  
CSU, Fresno  
CSU, Fullerton  
CSU, Hayward  
CSU, Long Beach  
CSU, Los Angeles  
CSU, Monterey Bay  
CSU, Northridge  
CSU, Sacramento  
CSU, San Bernardino  
CSU, San Marcos  
CSU, Stanislaus  
CalState Teach  
Humboldt State University  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San Jose State University  
Sonoma State University

### **University of California System**

UC Berkeley  
UC Davis  
UC Irvine  
UC Los Angeles  
UC Riverside  
UC San Diego  
UC Santa Barbara  
UC Santa Cruz

### **Private Colleges/Universities**

Alliant International University  
Antioch University of Southern California  
Argosy University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Bethany College of the Assemblies of God  
Biola University  
California Baptist College

### **Private Colleges/Universities** *(continued)*

California Lutheran University  
Chapman University  
Christian Heritage College  
Claremont Graduate School  
Concordia University  
Dominican University of California  
Fresno Pacific University  
Holy Names College  
Hope International University  
InterAmerican College  
John F. Kennedy University  
La Sierra University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Masters College, The  
Mills College  
Mount Saint Mary's College  
National Hispanic University  
National University  
New College of California  
Notre Dame de Namur University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Occidental College  
Pacific Oaks College  
Pacific Union College  
Patten College  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Saint Mary's College  
Santa Clara University  
Simpson College  
University of LaVerne  
University of the Pacific  
University of Phoenix  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
Vanguard University  
Westmont College  
Whittier College

\*Contact the institution directly for information about all programs offered, including internship

## **Institutions Offering SB2042 Commission-Accredited Teacher Preparation Programs**

### **California State University System**

Cal Poly Pomona  
CSU, Dominguez Hills  
CSU, Northridge  
CSU, San Marcos  
San Diego State University

### **University of California System**

UC Riverside  
UC San Diego  
UC Santa Cruz

### **Private Colleges/Universities**

Notre Dame de Namur University  
Santa Clara University  
University of LaVerne  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California  
Vanguard University